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Classified By: Ambassador John F. Tefft for reasons 1.4(b)&(d).

¶1. (C) The Georgian Parliament passed a resolution May 8 establishing the temporary administrative unit for South Ossetia that had been the subject of statements by President Saakashvili and earlier parliamentary action in April (reftel). As Georgian Deputy State Minister for Conflict Resolution Ruslan Abashidze explained to us May 10, the next step will be a "delegation of authority" to Sanakoyev and his "alternative government" to govern this unit. Abashidze reiterated that both Sanakoyev and the de facto authorities in Tskhinvali would be welcome to participate in upcoming consultations to define the powers and structure of the new entity.

¶2. (SBU) Sanakoyev is scheduled to address the Georgian Parliament May 11. He will speak in the Ossetian language. The diplomatic corps has been invited and most Western ambassadors, including Ambassador Tefft, plan to attend.

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